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Ellie Robertson who was lucky enough to speak to Tim Peake See page 3



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Flynn Caldwell presenting his cheque to Canterbury Hospice See page 3

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Minster Parish Council

Next meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 7 June @ 7pm in the
Neighbourhood Centre

Members of the public are welcome to attend and can arrange to speak to the Council through the Clerk or by requesting the Chairman before the start of the meeting. Copies of the Agenda are available from the Clerk and are posted in the Library. Clerk to the Council is Mrs Kyla Lamb and the Council Office is normally open from:-

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EDITORIAL

What a busy month I've had and it's not over yet. I can't believe how much copy has arrived in both the post and my inbox for inclusion into this issue.

I've added an extra 4 pages but I still had to show some of it where my shredder was as I just couldn't fit anything else in. I know I mustn't complain as without people supporting us with their adverts and articles we wouldn't be here, but I just hate having to leave anything out.

Now just a timely reminder that this coming Friday, 3 June, is the closing

date for Scarecrow entries !! SO GET YOUR FORM COMPLETED AND SENT IN. Entries seem

very slow arriving and at the time of publication of this issue we have had only 5 forms returned. Come on we need more than that, we had 30+ last year so where are they all

- there'll be lots of visitors to the village that weekend who will be very disappointed if we don't have many!

MINSTER ARMBOUTS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The attendance figure at our Race Night on Saturday 7 May at the Royal British Legion was rather disappointing although those who came had a great time, so thank you for your support and thanks also to all those involved in the organisation of the evening.

Our Giants were on the move on Saturday 14 May, when they visited

Reading Street in Broadstairs. They were present to help celebrate the revived 'Crowning of the May Queen' Parade and the Queen's birthday. They proved to be highly popular amongst those attending and we thank the village for inviting them. Another little visit planned for them, weather permitting, will be on Saturday 11 June at the Village Street Party in Augustine Road, arranged by the Royal British Legion.

We are hoping to get a few more people from Minster to join in our Barn Dance on Sunday 19 June from 5-9 pm when the French will be coming over. If dancing is not your forte, then just come along and enjoy the foot tapping Ceilidh

music from

‘Contraband’, it only costs £5 per couple. For more details and to purchase tickets, please contact Ann and Jamie Thomson on 01843 822 156.

If you’d like the chance to come and join in a Parade and visit the village of Armbouts Cappel on Sunday 26 June, please call Carol Bubb on 01843 447 706 for full details.

There will be a fun fair and entertainment as well as a meal. We will subsidise the cost of the ferry crossing unless we gather a huge amount of interest, when we can then consider booking a coach.

On Saturday 11 September we will be holding a walking Treasure Hunt around Minster with clues being provided by Ann and Jamie Thomson. Full details will be available in the next issue of Minster Matters.

We'd like to say a quick thank you to Ray Owen who has agreed to take over the running of our website as Damian Coleman has resigned his post due to excessive work commitments. Welcome Ray and thank you Damian; you have been a great asset over the last couple of years.

MINSTER BOWLS CLUB

The Short Mat season finished with the Presentation Evening on Friday 6 May. This was attended by 50 members and friends. Ladies Singles Champion is Sylvia Davis, and Men's Champion is Paul Churchley.

The following night saw Margaret Griffiths celebrate her birthday with a party in the clubhouse, it was good to see her back following her treatment for cancer.

A Race Night was held on Friday 13

May which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

The organizers were Brian and Sylvia Davis and the MC/Auctioneer was Colin Holden who performed up to his usual high standard.

The Outdoor Season is now in full swing and the results of all the matches may be found on the M.B.C. website at www.minsterbowls.org.uk.

Brian East has resigned as Chairman and the Club wish him well, as without all his efforts the grant from Sport England would not have been obtained and the recent extensions and improvements would not have been possible.

Brian Morphey

MINSTER W.I.

On Tuesday 3 May (a week earlier than usual) at 7.30pm President Sarah Eaton-Brown opened the monthly meeting and following Jerusalem discussion took place on this year's Resolutions, the titles of which are "Dementia & Carers" and "Food Waste". Members readily took part in a lively debate and the "For" and "Against" votes at the end. It is good to know our WI can have a National voice!

Don Wilks then led us through his surprising and stunning photographic talk "Birds in a Minster Garden". After

refreshments Sarah congratulated everyone on the success of the Wine & Wisdom and drew the winning team's attention to Friday 29 July when the Top Team Quiz takes place!! She and Secretary Liz gave out notices and reminders of forthcoming summer events. Cakes and volunteers please for the Open Gardens in June and more teddies need dressing for our stall at the Minster Show in July. Booking is needed for the Peony Walk + Craft Trip on Saturday 4 June, the Strawberry Tea on Wednesday 29 June and the Windsor trip in September, just some of the events coming up at this busy WI group.

Following the raffle Sarah closed the

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL (Meetings - Summary of Key Points)

On Tuesday 19 April, the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting was held. This entails a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council and from the Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee, followed by questions and comments from local residents.

Chairman Bob Grove reported that the Parish Council continues to endeavour to represent the views of the residents and

maintain the services that this Parish is fortunate enough to have.

Other parish and town councils in Thanet envy the range of services available to our residents which include an excellent recreation ground, including football and cricket pitches, an all weather pitch, a playground, outdoor gym equipment and table tennis, a new multi use games area and soon a new skate park. We also enjoy a variety of clubs and organisations, as well as a well maintained cemetery.

The Chairman paid tribute to the Clerk and other staff who consistently work to organise and maintain the services.

Volunteers who have helped to look after our village by litter picking in the area were thanked.

Planning is invariably contentious and all applications are considered by the council to ensure that the views of residents are put forward when TDC consider the applications. The Local Plan is still being drafted by TDC and we are concerned that any proposed development does not spoil the character of our village.

The Chairman stated that the future of Manston Airport is no clearer than it was a year ago. TDC are looking at various options including a compulsory

purchase order, Riveroak have applied for a Development Consent Order and the current owners are submitting a planning application for housing and industrial development. As the whole site falls within this Parish we will continue to monitor developments closely.

Cllr. Bob Grove then expressed his thanks to County Cllr. Latchford who continues to be a supportive friend to Minster, District Cllr. Crow-Brown who ensures the interests of Minster are considered by District Council, and to his fellow councillors.

Looking ahead he reported that road

improvements have finally started to assist traffic flow, supported by the Parish Council and funded by the developer contribution from the Heronsbrook site.

Village notice boards are being replaced and signs refurbished.

Cllr. John Quittenden gave the financial report, explaining that although it has been a difficult year at all levels Minster has maintained a strong financial position.

The Council Tax Support Grant has been reduced by £721, and despite an increase of 1.99% by TDC and KCC, we have only increased the precept by

0.39%, equating to

.18p for a Band D household.

There has been a small increase in cemetery fees and in some hiring fees for council facilities.

There has been financial support from the council for local events and this will continue in the year ahead. The successful firework display will be held again this year.

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Cllr. Quittenden thanked the Clerk, Kyla Lamb, for her work in securing grants to improve our village, and he also thanked the in house staff who maintain our open spaces and facilities to a high standard despite an ever increasing workload.

25 residents were present and raised the following points:-

1.

Areas of maintenance covered by council staff – it was confirmed that we do some grass cutting at Cliffsend.

2.

The need to rebuild the car park wall at the New Inn – TDC is seeking tenders for the work.

3.

Views on the proposed development of 36 units in Monkton Road – Cllr. Grove stated that he could not comment until the application had been submitted.

4.

Request for a cycle route between Minster and Monkton – the main problem was considered to be funding due to the high cost of land which would

need to be purchased.

Although mention was made about the path from the scout hut to Monkton.

5.

Removal of the gate to the play area- this had been removed for repair as older children keep swinging on the gate and breaking it.

6.

Various problems relating to play areas were raised – the Chair reported that the Community Warden and the PCSO were aware and dealing whenever possible.

7.

Congratulations were offered for arranging litter picking groups. (Cllr Grove coordinates a group of volunteers on the morning of the last Sunday in the month.) All are welcome!

On Tuesday 3 May, the Annual Meeting took place followed by the Ordinary Meeting.

Annual Meeting.

Elections of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Chairs of the various committees took place. In short, there was no change, with Cllr. Bob Grove elected to continue as Chairman and Cllr. Danny Day to continue as Vice-Chairman.

The dates for meetings in the year ahead were also agreed and will be available on the Parish Council website.

Ordinary Meeting.

PCSO Riches informed the meeting that he will be holding a monthly surgery in Minster Library, details will be advertised. He added that Kent Police are recruiting more PCSO's at the end of the year so hopefully the village will benefit as the PCSO's will not be so thinly spread by early next year!

County Cllr. Latchford congratulated councillors on their election and wished them well in the year ahead. He mentioned the issue of 'Academy Schools', which was a hotly debated subject at the time, and stated that KCC

members, of whatever political persuasion, were not in favour. He reminded everyone that it was wise to take the time to vote in the forthcoming PCC elections to ensure the best candidate got the job.

District Cllr. Crow-Brown had attended an input from the Chief Planning Officer at TDC setting out the issues facing the Planning Dept. at the moment. He found it very useful and has suggested that a similar input be provided for Parish Councils. A number of local residents have complained about the road closure in the village which is unnecessary at weekends when no work is being carried out; he has taken this issue to

KCC. On wider issues, Cllr. Crow-Brown said that the old Primark shop premises in

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Margate are to become an Art College, providing both training and employment opportunities for the area.

Cllr. Ken Gregory gave an update on the current debate in Parliament about the

Planning process.

The Chairman presented parishioner Ray Owen with a KALC Community Award

from the Lord High Sheriff of Kent in recognition of his contribution to the local community.

Cllr Grove reported that District Cllr. Hayden had now become an Independent, rather than Conservative. He also added that TDC have received a good report following a peer review and that after a difficult start TDC was now more settled and there was hope for better progress.

The official opening of the Multi-Use

Games Area (MUGA) by Sir Roger Gale MP

went well, and both District and County Cllrs were thanked for attending.

A discussion took place about the number of vehicles parking on the yellow lines around the junction of the High St. and Monkton Road, and potential action that may have to be taken. This was of particular concern as the main reason for the lines in that location was to reduce the major traffic hold ups caused in the village when large vehicles cannot navigate the junction.

At the last meeting Chris Bromley raised

a number of issues pertaining to the Spitfire Way/Manston Road junction. Briefly, the response confirmed that the unsightly area is private land and cannot be controlled by Kent Highways, the broken barrier is MOD property and has been raised with them, the flooding will be resolved by the end of the year, and TDC are responsible for litter clearance but some village volunteers have been working in the area.

The Parish Council agreed to purchase second hand wood working tools to the value of £2k for use in 'The Shed' project planned for the village. County Cllr. Latchford's offer to pay half was welcomed by all.

Minster Multi Use Games Area Opening

Minster Parish Council are pleased to announce that the recently built Multi Use Games Area was officially opened by Sir Roger Gale MP on the 25th April 2016. The MUGA received funding of £66,220 from Sport England towards the build cost and Sir Roger supported the application.

Children, Staff, Headteacher Wendy Stone and Chairman of Governors George Box from Minster Primary School, Minster Parish Councillors, Thanet District Councillors and Kent County Councillor Roger Latchford

braved the rain to attend the opening.

Sir Roger explained to the children how important having facilities like this were in communities to encourage everyone to get out and play sports and exercise more. He then proceeded to shoot a few hoops with the children!

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Booking the Multi Use Games Area

The MUGA will be open for public use most of the time.

It is available for Minster School to use for sports activities

and also for clubs, groups and individuals to book for tennis, volleyball and netball.

Bookings i.e. when the MUGA is unavailable to the public will be published weekly on the board next to the main information sign

at the MUGA entrance gate.

To make a booking please contact the Clerk – details below

Please book at least 48 hours in advance

Email: clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

Tel: 01843 821 339

MINSTER PLAYHOUSE PROMPT CORNER

This Year's May Play 'Day of Reckoning' was a great success, with good audiences who expressed their pleasure in the play and left with smiles on their faces. Congratulation go to Sarah Cornwell in her directing debut for a very happy and successful production, and to her husband Mark for the set and Stage Management, and much more, and to all the many others who helped with the production.

Quiz Night

Our next event will be a Quiz Night on Saturday 4th June at 7.30pm in Minster Village Hall, to support our nominated charity, Oasis, a local charity supporting the victims of domestic abuse. Our quizzes are always good-hearted and fun so please try to come along and join us while supporting a worthy local cause.

Tables of up to eight people, £5 per head, bring your own food and drink.

To book please call or email Debbie Munro

07539 295 872

munro.debbie@yahoo.com

Do come along – it's fun!

Do your children want to take part in our next Pantomime?

We are always looking for talented children of eight years of age or older who want to take a small onstage role in our pantomimes, and who can give up the time and commitment to rehearsals and the shows. Contact info @minsterplayhouse.co.uk giving their name, age, and contact detail, and we will get in touch with you when the auditions are set up.

Chaperones

We like to have children in our

pantomimes and they enjoy performing, but, like everyone else, we are subject to very strict rules about the care and safety of the children involved. This primarily involves us in providing chaperones for the children during performances. This is a simple duty and might be attractive to anyone who would enjoy the involvement with the Playhouse in this capacity.

If you would be interested in chaperoning children for our productions please contact us

– we look forward to hearing from you.

MINSTER SHOW

Saturday 23 July Theme: Roald Dahl

Have you bought your Show Schedule yet? Now available at various outlets in the village just 40p - you'll need a copy if you're entering any of the Show Classes!!

Are you or your group intending to enter the Procession from Freeman's Road - if so you will need a Parade Form available now from Attwells

Wishing To Book A Stall At The Show?
Please contact Karen at Attwells

(not Tues AM, Wed PM or Sat) or ring her on 07813 648 214

MINSTER SCHOOLGIRL ELLIE ROBERTSON SPEAKS TO TIM PEAKE

A few months ago Minster school ran an in-school competition to make or draw a model of the rocket that took Tim Peake to the International Space Station. The 10 lucky winners were then able to attend the Space Extravaganza at Wellesley House School.

Each child attending the Space Extravaganza was asked to put forward some questions they would like to ask

Tim Peake directly. On the day 10 children were selected to ask their questions to Tim but unfortunately due to connection difficulties only 6 children were actually able to speak directly to him.

Ellie Robertson age 7 from Minster was one of those 6 children.

LEG WAXING FOR CHARITY

Flynn Caldwell bravely subjected himself to a sponsored leg wax. Worst still, his grandfather, Bob Grove performed the torture. Flynn decided he wanted to raise the money when his Uncle Tommy was admitted last year after a long battle with cancer.

Sadly his uncle passed away, but the care and support the family received from the staff was invaluable. Flynn handed over a cheque for £115.50 to Canterbury Hospice. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated and well

done Flynn.

Hazel Grove

MINSTER CRICKET CLUB

Minster Cricket Club started their 2016 season on Saturday 30 April and have a full season of fixtures ahead of them.

Anyone interested in playing is most welcome to come and join this sociable friendly club.

Please ring 07745 161 070

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

A BIG THANK YOU

We would like to thank all those who supported our Spring Fayre on Saturday 14 May and helped to make it such a success. As a result we have now achieved the target for our new project much sooner than anticipated, which will enable us to go ahead and purchase the new equipment we have previously described:

2 x “KeelerJazz Pocket Fibre Optic

Otoscopes” used to examine the ear.

2 x “Propulse G5 Ear Irrigators with Digital Timers” to decontaminate and clean the ear.

As two of our nursing staff are already trained to use these devices, they will be brought into service immediately they are received and commissioned.

The winners of the “Food Hampers” were Mrs. Jones from Minster and Helen from

“Neals Yard”. We would also like to thank all those patients and friends who made donations to our fund, especially Terry and Nem Waldron, whose kindness

and support for our Spring Fayre helped make it such a success. Thank you everyone.

CLOSURE OF TWO THANET GP PRACTICES

It may have come to your attention that the Surgeries in Garlinge (Westbrook) and Wickham (Ramsgate) are closing at the end June and July. This will mean that five practices have closed within the past 12 months, forcing patients to register elsewhere, and reducing the number of practices within the Thanet area from 20 to 15.

This obviously places immense pressure on the staff and facilities at the

remaining surgeries, especially here in Minster, and therefore we ask all of our patients to bear this in mind when contacting the surgery and we ask you to ensure the service is used appropriately. Demand for appointments is continually increasing and we will be doing our best to accommodate this extra pressure and continue to work hard to maintain the standard of our service to you. In the meantime we welcome your patience and understanding.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS

This sadly illustrates how our resources are not being used appropriately! Last month: 50

patients did not attend their doctor's appointment and 68 patients did not attend their nurse's appointment so that's still 118 patients wasting valuable appointments and time!

Why? Why bother making an appointment (difficult enough at times!) and not use it?

Don't need it - cancel it! Keep forgetting - get our text reminder service.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

Last month patient's responses to "would you recommend our Practice" were as follows: Extremely likely/Likely - 85%; Extremely

unlikely/Unlikely - 7%; Unsure/Don't know -

8%.

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SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close from 12.00noon on the following days:

Staff Training - Thursday 30 June;
Wednesday 20 July

Bank Holiday - Monday 30 May -
closed all day

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you during these

times, and of course, with holiday periods fast approaching, please don't forget to plan ahead and include all the family requiring repeat prescriptions and please don't forget your GP's review appointment where necessary. Should you need to see a doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS 111 Service via the normal surgery number 821 333 where you will be transferred automatically, or you can call direct on 111, to receive non urgent confidential health advice and information for you and your family. For urgent/life threatening cases please dial 999 as normal.

PATIENT GROUP MEETING

If you have any issues you would like to raise at our next meeting, or require further information on any of the above, then please contact either Ken Self on 821 200 or Jeanne Lawrence on 821 049 or email: kenself@me.com

TREES IN THE CHURCHYARD

Some of you will have noticed or heard about three of the smaller specimen trees being removed from the churchyard. Regrettably this was necessary due to the fungal disease Ganoderma, commonly known as Bracket Fungus, which occurs on dying wood at the base of the tree and root structure.

The fungus began to show itself last autumn, and has been monitored by Thanet District Council's tree officer. TDC are responsible for tree maintenance in the churchyard, and the

trees in question, being accessible by the public, represented a possible risk.

The amount of fungus on the surface of the tree does not indicate the extent of deadwood that it is surviving on. It is also regrettable that one of the trees, a crab apple, was in full bloom but this had the most dead heart-wood of all three.

It is a common belief that trees produce their best blossom and fruit growth when under stress, such as die-back in the main trunk. A plan to plant replacement trees in the autumn will be assessed, but with so many wonderful mature and semi mature trees in the churchyard, we

would need to be careful about overcrowding.

Paul Willins,

Parish Tree Warden

PAWFECTIION DOG GROOMING SERVICES

As we celebrate the 10th year since our opening we'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our loyal customers and their 4-legged friends for their support over the years.

We look forward to your continued loyal custom in the future, here's to many more years and many more gorgeous pooches! Gemma, Sandie, Rochelle and Jamie

HOUSE CALLS FROM ATTWELLS

Can't get out, always working, can't leave the kids or just haven't got time?

We will call on you at your home in Minster, Monkton, Acol or St Nicholas with a selection of greetings cards for you to choose from. Just call Karen at Attwells on 821363 and let us know what you require.

Don't lose your right to choose.

Also don't forget we stock office stationery, give us a ring before that trip

into town, it could save you valuable time. Copier paper just £4.99. Like our Facebook page; Attwells Newsagents.

NEW LAMBS AT THE ABBEY

Over the past few years we've re-established a little flock of sheep at the Abbey.

We've had generous help from Dave Wade, our farmer friend. This year some of the sisters learned on the job as the lambs started arriving early. There was great excitement and joy in helping to deliver 10 new lambs, some of them twins. The youngest lamb was born on the Feast of St. George, so we named him George.

We had a visit from the students of “Looking Ahead” who admired and cuddled the new arrivals. The Abbey neighbours have enjoyed hearing the sounds and sights of the little ones playing in the Abbey fields. Shearing starts next week!

The Donkey Sanctuary, Slade House Farm, Sidmouth, Devon

Mary Lord who lives at 33 Tothill St collects stamps for the donkeys.

The letter she received recently from the sanctuary says; “Please send a huge thank you to all in the village who took the trouble to collect them”

Their veterinary hospital in Sidmouth during 2014 treated 239 donkeys and 116

operations were carried out under general anaesthetic.

Their companion donkeys stay with them at the hospital whilst they are undergoing treatment as they become stressed if separated.

A new larger hospital is now in the early stages of development

POLICE SURGERIES IN MINSTER

Minster library the first Wednesday each month @ 1400hrs

PCSO Shaun Riches will be holding monthly surgeries for members of the public to come and speak to a local officer about your concerns on crime and antisocial behaviour

ROGUE TRADER

Information has been received that a rogue trader is now operating in the Thanet area.

He operates by cold calling - usually the more vulnerable in our communities.

The "trade" offered is landscaping and brickwork design

He has been investigated by Suffolk Trading Standards

The names he operates under are:
Premier Landscapes, Garden Scape Landscapes and Sterling Services

Property Maintenance

Telephone numbers used previously
07940 773 701 and 01394 275 242

Be aware - a silver VW Golf,
registration plate starting with a V, is
linked to this man.

Please report any sightings or
engagement to Trading Standards Kent
via the KCC

website **ADVISE ALL NEIGHBOURS
TO BEWARE AND STAY ALERT**

THANET VOLUNTEER BUREAU

Your Time

Fancy reminiscing, trying something new or just having a cuppa and a chat? Then Your Time might be for you. Come along and enjoy our weekly activities and social club at our new bigger hall in Ramsgate.

We have lots of activities lined up in the next few weeks, including a reminiscences event, which will be

recorded for archive radio, and a talk about life Ramsgate during the Blitz. Come along bring old photos of Thanet and memories to share.

Your Time is every Wednesday at Centenary Hall, Hardres Street, Ramsgate, from 1pm-3pm and is £2 admission. Transport places available for a fee.

Your Time is also looking for volunteers so if you fancy meeting and greeting, helping with refreshments, befriending visitors and helping with activities get in touch. To find out more contact Lou, Fran or Emma on 01843 597 115 or email: tcspc@hotmail.co.uk.

Volunteer Fair

INTERESTED in becoming a horse whisperer or emergency responder? What about visiting an isolated older person, helping children to read or taking part in a festival?

Thanet Volunteer Bureau invites you to Dreamland Margate on Tuesday 7 June 11am-2pm for a massive volunteers fair, part of the national Volunteers' Week celebrations.

Have a peek behind the scenes at this iconic venue, find out what's going on in Thanet and speak directly to more than 50 organisations recruiting volunteers in everything from health and social care,

criminal justice, advocacy, culture, leisure, working with animals, children, disabilities, the environment, computers, foodbanks and much more.

There are opportunities for everyone. 87-year-old Thanet volunteer befriender Jeanne Webster was matched By Royal Voluntary Service with a 95-year-old for telephone befriending as she finds it difficult to leave her house. She says: “The lady I telephone is bright as a button and we have a lot in common. We talk about politics and set the world to rights.”

FREE entry, FREE giant raffle, refreshments, stalls and activities. Come

along and find out more! Visit
www.thanetvolunteersbureau.co.uk

NEXTDOOR.COM IS COMING TO MINSTER

Nextdoor.com, a free, private social network for local neighbourhoods, is getting started in the UK.

Nextdoor is already being used by over 60% of US neighbourhoods to privately communicate with only their real neighbours - they recommend traders, promote local events, talk about safety, find babysitters, help find lost pets and much more. They're now looking for connected, community-minded residents

to become the first members (or "Founding Members") of their neighbourhood site during a private beta effort, before Nextdoor's national launch here later this summer. To achieve that they are reaching out to local Freegle Group leaders because they believe they share their belief in building community locally and would make natural Founding Members and "Leads" of Nextdoor neighbourhoods.

Minster Matters Editor Ray Owen who runs two local area Freegle Groups that cover Thanet and Canterbury) has volunteered to trial this in Minster and Nextdoor have already accepted everything inside of our Parish Boundary

as our neighbourhood.

By the time you read this, Minster Thanet should hopefully be up and running, as a small number of residents (22) have already been approached to become the founder members, and provided at least 9 of those have said yes then the site will now be in existence.

Interested? Then just email Ray at rayowen@gmail.com giving him your name, address and email. Next month, all being well, we will publish further details so as all residents have the opportunity to join directly.

FREEGLE

Freegle, for anyone who isn't already aware of just what a Freegle Group is or does –

Freegle is a solely UK based Internet site for giving away or looking for items that may otherwise have found their way to the local tip – their basic ethos is that everything offered or requested must be FREE. This idea also started in the US where it still operates as Freecycle.org (there are very very few locally run Freecycle groups in the UK most are now centrally controlled from the USA), however back in August 2005 many

groups in the UK who were previously Freecycle Groups broke away from their US founders after the two sides couldn't agree on autonomy for members in the UK. Freegle UK came into being and now have over 400 locally run groups with a total of over 2.5 million members across the country, more locally we have 8.5k members in Thanet and 14.5k in Canterbury. In the past month it is estimated Freegle nationally has saved over 572

tonnes from going to waste.

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**Minster & Monkton Wednesday
Afternoon Club**

Royal British Legion, 61 Augustine
Road

EVERY WEDNESDAY 2.00pm -
4.00pm

Come and join us for a game of Bingo

ALL MEMBERS and bona-fide guests
welcome

Phone Pat on 822 622

MINSTER ABBEY SUMMER TOURS

Monday to Friday 2.45pm to 4pm and
Saturday 11am to 12noon

No charge, everyone welcome

SALVATION ARMY

Quiz and Curry Night (Alternatively you can have Spaghetti Bolognese)

Friday 3 June at 6pm

Tickets £7.50 or Family £15, available from the Community Shop or Fred and Audrey Hards phone 821 792 stating choice of meal

AGE UK THANET

Opening Celebration of their new
Outreach Venue

Salvation Army Hall

Saturday 4 June 10.30am to 2.30pm

Free buffet and an array of fantastic
entertainment

The new venue will be open every
Thursday from 9 June

All ages welcome

STRAWBERRY TEA AT THE

SALVATION ARMY

**Monday 11 June 2.30 to 4.30pm Tickets
£5 available from the Community Shop
or Fred and Audrey Hards on 821 792**

MINSTER LIBRARY

**CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S 90th
BIRTHDAY**

Saturday 11 June 10am 'til 2pm

**Crafts and Fun- Suitable for ages 5 -
11yrs**

**All children must be accompanied by a
responsible adult**

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**HM QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATIONS**

Saturday 11 June Children's Street Party and Entertainment starting at 12 noon with a Parade from the Church to the Royal British Legion in Augustine Road.

The Parade will be led by the Viper Corps of Drums along with Minster Carnival Court and the Village Giants.

Augustine Road will be closed for the afternoon.

The children will be provided with food and drink and entertained by a children's entertainer and music starting at 2pm with the Richard Rascals Jazz Band.

There will be competitions and prizes for:

Best Crown Hat, Drawing, Fancy Dress,
Jewel Hunt, Face Painting

Each child will receive a memento of
the day's celebration.

The evening will continue with a
Cabaret performance by International act
Micky Blue Eyes, not to be missed.

Application forms are enclosed with this
month's edition of Minster Matters and
are also available from Minster School,
Minster Library and Minster Royal
British Legion.

The party is open to all Minster Parish
Children and Royal British Legion
Member's Children. This is a FREE

event.

All application forms must be returned
by Friday 27 May.

MONKTON OPEN GARDENS

Sat/Sun 11/12 June 11.00am to 5.00pm

Entry To All Gardens £3.00 Lunches and
Cream Teas in Village Hall

Programmes Available in Gardens
Church Open with Flower Displays

**MINSTER & MONKTON ROYAL
BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S
SECTION**

NEXT MEETING

Monday 13 June 7.30pm

A family heirloom however odd

Bingo , Speaker or Quiz

Raffle prizes needed for all meetings

For further information please contact
Miriam Smith on 822 589

MINSTER WI

Monthly Meeting Tuesday 14 June
7.30pm Village Hal

Speaker Barry Daniels “My life as a
globetrotting singer”

Games Evening

Wednesday 22 June 7.30pm Village Hall
Committee Room

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**MINSTER & MONKTON
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Next Meeting Wednesday 15 June
7.30pm

Village Hall

Speaker: Mr Daniel Denness 'The
vegetable garden, growing for showing'

Point's Competition: A plate of
vegetables

SALVATION ARMY BOOK SALE

Saturday 18 June 10am to 4pm

Tea and Biscuits available

MINSTER OPEN GARDENS

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 June

Entry to all gardens £5pp Under 14s
Free

Lunches and refreshments available at
Old Schools

2nd ANNUAL SCARECROW CHALLENGE

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 June

Across the village

Scarecrow Entry £3 per scarecrow

Forms and Rules now available from
Minster Matters Editor

TWINNING ASSOCIATION BARN DANCE

Dancing to Contraband

Sunday 19 June from 5pm to 9pm

Wayborough Barn, Wayborough Hill

Only 100 places so early booking advised - £5 per couple under 12s not permitted Tickets must be purchased in advance – bring your own drinks and glasses

Call 822 156 to book

SEVENTY CHAMBER CHOIR

The Chelys Consort, We Sing At
Pleasure

Music for Voices and Viols

Saturday 2 July, 7.00pm

St Mary's Church

Tickets £10 in advance or £12 on the
door

www.seventychamberchoir.com or
phone 01843 602 332

PSYCHIC FAYRE

Sunday 3 July Village Hall 10.00am -
4.00pm

Lots of Stalls

Mediums giving Tarot, Spirit, Angel
Cards and Psychometry Readings

Tombola for Cats in Crisis

Tea bar open all day at reasonable
prices

£1 entrance, children free

Come early & book your readings

All profits to be sent to Animal
Sanctuaries

Enquiries to Kay on 01843 297 665

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Wayborough Manor, Wayborough Hill,
Minster

Saturday 9 July at 7pm

Tickets £20 Concessions £10 under 10s
free

Telephone 07936 843 819 or email:
nicolaloud@hotmail.com

Proceeds to St Mary's Church

Bring a Picnic and a Blanket

PARKMINSTER SUMMER FETE

Saturday 16 July 11am to 4pm Free
Entry

Fun for all the family

SUMMER SOCIAL VARIETY SHOW

Show Marquee in the Recreation Ground

Saturday 23 July at 7.30pm

Tickets £4 each – bring your own food
and drink

Tickets available from Katharine and
Richard on 07714 529 968

Email: blendsinging@gmail.com

Blend – For Everyone Who Loves To
Sing

Note: Tickets WILL NOT be available
on the day

PICNIC IN PARKMINSTER

Saturday 13 August 4pm to 7.30pm

£12 per person which includes
Individual Picnic, Live Jazz Band, Cold
Drinks, Coffee, Teas and Lots of Fun

Tickets available from Parkminster Tea
Rooms

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AMBER'S ADVICE

Explore the possibilities of life and

enjoy the adventures that come with it.

TIGER' TIP

To increase the shelf life of potatoes put an apple in the container they are stored in, the apple gives off a gas that prevents the potatoes from sprouting.

ZAC'S MUSINGS

. Oh joy the builders and decorators have at last all gone BUT now they've decided they don't like the colour of the bathroom walls! So Mum's been busy with the paint brush changing them from blue to green. Let's hope they'll stick with that colour.

Today's the old boy's been a bit fraught trying to fit everything into this issue and as you can see he's had to add a further 4 pages to do so. Even then some bits didn't make the final cut!

We've had baby starlings and their parents visiting our bird feeder this week and I've got a bit of a sore throat from trying to chase them off. Sadly the blackbird who was sitting on her nest in our back garden has abandoned it. Let's hope we get another pair come here to raise a family.

SCHOOL PAGE

YEAR 5 FRENCH TRIP

From 8 June to 10 June Minster CofE Primary School's Year 5 classes are going to France on a school trip.

They will stay in a cabin where there is a swimming pool, a basketball court and they get to pick the people they want in their room. With the children's rooms there are four people per room. Children are only allowed their same gender in their room, for example boys HAVE to pick boys and girls HAVE to pick girls.

The teachers that are going to France are

Mr McCarthy, Miss Smith, Mrs Morton, Mr Newgreen, Mrs Vinson and Mrs Daw. The children that are not going to France will be going to other places with Mrs Ramsden.

The children that are going to France will be going to the beach, the aquarium, the shops, French schools, swimming pool, disco's and lots more. They are going for two nights and three days. I hope I have persuaded you to go to France.

By Lauren Padfield

OLYMPICS 2016

As you know this year is another time for the brilliant athletes across the world to shine in the 2016 Olympics. This year it will be held in Rio de Janeiro and will take place from 5

August - 21 August. Our British athletes are kitted out and their clothing is said to be 10% lighter than it was in 2012. In 2012 we came third with 65 medals in total.

Hopefully Team GB will win this year's Olympic Games.

By Ayomide Adeneye

MICHAEL MORPURGO

Michael Morpurgo is an amazing author for young readers and an amazing role model in the author industry. He also has the perfect books to study for a project. He has lots of mixed emotion books

This is the one I recommend:

Kensuke's Kingdom (the one we're reading in class)

by Amelia J

HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT

I have deep concerns about the environment and how it gets abused. Think of the creatures that have to suffer day after day, night after night. Every hour must be torture for them. Have you ever considered trying to help the environment? Why not try recycling things that could easily just be tossed in the bin and make something unique and awesome? Or you could collect rain water and use that to water plants when it's warm? All of the things that can help save the environment are called conservation. If you start helping the

environment and encourage others to as well, there will be less of a chance that the environment will decrease.

**HELP SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT
TODAY!!!**

Thanks for reading, written by Isla Tilly
Bottle

RARE AND ENDANGERED ANIMALS

There are many animals in danger but I cannot name all of them. However I will name some.

1.

One of many endangered animals is a snow leopard. This stunning animal is sadly hunted by poachers so they can sell their fur on the black market! The black market is a place where illegal products are sold. Who would want to

by such a thing. Snow leopards fur belongs on a snow leopard and a snow leopard only. Please adopt this endangered creature with WWF.

2.

A blue whale is another animal which was slaughtered many years ago. But then they stopped dying! Their numbers slowly started increasing! People decided to help them but not all people. Some people continue the hunt for blubber. It is vitally important that we save them!

3.

Polar bears are rare but not because

they're poached. It's because of environmental changes called global warming. This causes the ice to melt. Polar bears can only swim for a matter of time. But, oh no you can't adopt one. You need to participate in the Earth Hour on March the 25th. You can do this by switching off the electricity between 8 and 9pm.

Thank you for reading and please help save at least one of these creatures. Please do it for the animals, please do it for me. Together we can stop these casualties and save Mother Nature.

By Charlie Miles

CHURCH NEWS AND SERVICE TIMES

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
RAMSGATE AND MINSTER

Reverend Marcus Holden Telephone
592 071

Parish Office Saints Ethelbert &
Gertrude Church 72 Hereson Road
Ramsgate Catholic Mass each
Wednesday and Holy day of Obligation
at 12.00noon in the Church of St Mary
the Virgin, Minster and each Sunday at

10.00am in Minster Abbey

MINSTER ABBEY

www.minsterabbeynuns.org

The Abbey Chapel is open for prayer throughout the day

Lauds: 8.30am Mass 9.00am, Sunday
10.00am Midday prayer 12.10pm
Vespers 6.00pm Compline 7.50pm
(followed by Silent Prayer)

All our visitors, not only Christians but people of all faiths and spiritual tradition, all who

‘truly seek God’ (rule of St. Benedict)

are warmly welcomed to join us in prayer, in our beautiful monastic chapel.

THE SALVATION ARMY MINSTER CORPS

Church & Community Centre, Tothill St.

Major Trevor Green tel: 822 308 or 825
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Mondays 9.30am Bumps and Babies
(Term time only) 2.15pm Friendship
Club Tuesdays 9.30am Parents and
Toddlers (Term time only)

Wednesdays 2.00pm Home League

Thursdays 9.15am Prayer Group. We

would love to pray for you.

If you have any prayer requests please put them in letter box at the hall by Thursday morning and we will pray for you. Even better come and join us.

Sundays 10.30am Family Worship

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ST MARY MAGDALENE MONKTON
SERVICES IN JUNE

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10:15am Holy Communion (CW)

12 6.00pm Open Gardens Songs Of

Praise

19 10:15am United Holy Communion
with Methodists

26 10.15am Family Service

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, MINSTER
SERVICES IN JUNE

Reverend Richard Braddy Tel: 821 250

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9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Praise

6.30pm

Sung Evensong

12 09:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Communion (CW)

19 09:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Worship

26 09:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Communion (CW)

Wednesday Mornings at St Mary's

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

followed by refreshments

Holy Communion at Home

is available for anyone who is unable to
access Minster or Monkton Church

Telephone 821 250 or 822 428

Weddings at St Mary's

14 May

Nicola Earl & Michael Farbrace

Baptism at St Mary's

15 May

Charlotte Rose Carter (8 months)

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CONTACTING YOUR DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

TDC Villages

District Councillor Bob Grove

Bob is available to speak to residents by appointment.

Please ring 07711 774 262 or contact him via the Parish Office on 821 339

Email: cllr-bob.grove@thanet.gov.uk

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County

County Councillor Roger Latchford OBE

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roger.latchford@kent.gov.uk

Contacting your MP: Sir Roger Gale MP

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